

THE KINGS LETTER

Intercepted coming from OXFORD.

WITH

A loyful and true Relation of the

Great victory obtained by Sir THOMAS FAIREAX, Sir William Brereton, and Sir William Fairfax, against the Irish,

at the raising of the siege at Banwich. On Friday

last January 26. 1643.

Delivered in a message to the Parliament.

Wherein

Was slain

2 Lieutenant Collob
4 Captains
200 Souldiers in
the right wing, &
many in the left
surprised
6 pieces of Ordnance.
20 Carriages,
wherein was great
store of good Ammu-
nition.
1700 Foot.

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ding to order. 1644.



Taken prisoner

1 Sergeant Major
generall.

8 Collonels.

14 Captains.

10 Lieutenant

25 Ensignes.

26 Gentlemen &
other officers.

120 horse

4 Canoneers.

100 Popish Priests.

Kingdome

120 Irish whors

with long knives.

With another victory obtained by Collonel Maffey at Glotter who bath sur-
prised 1 Lieutenant Collonel and 8 Captains, besides other Officers
and Common Souldiers and a barke brought in to him
laden with Armes and Ammunition.

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Carolus Rex.

Right trusty and right well beloved cousin,
We greet you well by Our Proclamation,
which herewith we send you, you see our
resolution, and the grounds of that Our resoluti-
on, to advise with the members of both our hou-
ses of Parliament, for the restoring of this King-
dome to its former peace and happinesse: At least
We doubt not it will appear to all the world, and
to posterity, that there hath not been such a con-
currence in the bringing these miseries upon it, or
in compleating that, by the invitation of this for-
eign invasion, as is imagined: VVe shall there-
fore desire you that you will by no means fail of
giving your attendance at the time and place ac-
cordingly which in respect of the high concern-
ment of our service and the good of the whole
Kingdome, We shall not doubt of: And so Wee
bid you heartily farewell.

A FULL RELATION

Of the defeat given to the Cavalliers,
in the siege before *Glocester*.



THE Enemy with great forces marched againe towards *Glocester*, and surrounded the town, to stop provision from comming in, but Colonell Massey issuing out of the towne, fell upon their quarters; and slew many of them, and tooke prisoners.

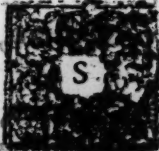
One Lieutenant Colonell, eight Captains, and other officers and souldiers, with their bag and baggage, and put the rest to flight: Colonell Massey hath also surpris'd a Barke laden with Arms and Ammunition, intended for the Cavalliers, which will doe him good service, especially, because his own Ammunition is not yet come to him.



A
JOYFULL
RELATION

OF THE HAPPY SVC.
celle of the PARLIAMENTS
Forces at the raising of the Siege
from Nantwich, Jan. 26.

1643

 Ir Thomas Fairfax and Sir William Fairfax, being at Nottingham, marched from thence unto Hinkley and there quartered; and from thence the next day they marched to Bolworth, and so to Tapworth, where they quartered one night: from whence they marched the next day to Stafford, and there joyned with Sir William Brereton, with whom they marched to relieve Nantwich, which was besieged by the Irish Forces from Wellscheester, and Shrousbury, and raised the siege. The Enemies being fled to their quarters, Sir Thomas Fairfax, and Sir William marched from Nantwich to Manchester, and there gathered a body of foot out of Manchester and other parts in Lancashire, and
caused

caused a Fast to be kept for two dayes, for the Enemy were of great strength, and the refuge was feared; The Enemies cruelty did much grieve the Countrey, and accordingly as it was feared the Enemy returned againe to Nantwich, and laid close siege before it; and did attempt to scale the works three severall times, and shot almost 200 fiery hot bullets, with a kind of fire balls to burne the Towne. But blessed be God, there was none of them that did any considerable hurt: the greatest harme the Towne sustained by those balls, was by one which light upon a stack of wood, and fired part of it; which was quenched without doing any further mischief.

Captain *Booth* the Governour of Nantwich, a young man of about 21 years of age, but of a valiant spirit, behaved himself bravely; his Souldiers consisting of about 1200 in number, who withstood the Enemy bravely, and did good execution upon them, and slew Lieutenant Colonel *Boughton*, and 4 Captaines more: amongst which, Captain *Stamford* is one, and kept the Towne in despite of them. Cap. *Booth* still encouraging the souldiers, and promising unto them that he would loose his life in their defence before he would yeeld up the town to such traiterous Irish Rebels.

Yet Sir *William Brewerton* was in great fear of loosing the Town; and indeed had not God wrought wonderfully for us it had been lost.

Sir *Thomas Fairfax* returning again from Manchester marched to Stafford again, and joyned with Sir *William Brewerton*, who joyning their forces together marched from thence again to relieve Nantwich, on Friday January the 26. with about 6000 horse and foot, the enemy consisting of about 8000.

When our forces came neer the Enemies quarters, they discovering our Forces, came out of their trenches into the plain, and gave us battell; wherein our Forces charged so hot on their right wing, that they caused the Lord *Byron* with all their horse to run away, leaving onely the foot to stand to it: By this time there were slaine of the right wing about 200, besides those that were in the left wing, and the Foot were left to the mercy of our Forces: And their horse hasted so fast away, that they threw away their Pistols, and fled for their lives. The Lord *Byron* himself being one of the first that fled.

There were also a sort of Irish women, that were in the Enemies Campe: whose office was to robbe, and plunder, our men that fell: and with long knives which they had hanging by their sides, to cut the throates of those that they found not quite dead.

C. *Baith* with eight hundred issued out of *Namptwich*, and fell upon the back of them, and so our forces surpris'd them all, with all their bag, and baggage: of which here followeth an exact list according to the copy, by the Scout brought to the Parliament.



A List

the Prisoners taken at the raising
the siege from *Nampwich*, Jan. 26. 1644.

S Ejeant-Major-Generall *Gibson*.

Sir *Michael Earnly*, Colonell.

Sir *Richard Fleetwood*, Colonell.

Colonell *Monks*.

Sir *Ralph Dewes* Colonell.

Colonell *VVarren*.

Sir *Francis Butler*, Lieutenant-Colonell.

Lieutenant-Colonell *Gibs*.

Major *Hamond*.

14. *Captains*.

A Tkins.
Lidington.

Tinch.

Disney.

Fisher.

Cook.

Ward.

Deane.

Incas.

Ledcote.

Deetes.

Shotterwood.

Bawbridge.

Willis.

19. *Lieutenants*.

L Ong.

Norton.

Rowe.

Pawlet.

Goodwin.

Kinerstone.

Dulaton.

Pate.

Mogell.

Strange.

Shipworth.

Ancars.

Billingley.

Custelion.

Milliner.

Bradshaw.

Lionnes.

Golden.

Smith.

26. *Ensignes*.

B Rowne.

Brereton.

Batch.

Ihnes.

Wright.

Dampell.

Southwood.

Addise.

Smith.

Vahan.

Reise.

Doreworth.

Musgrave.

Pennicocks.

Dantermile.

Elliard.

Itlack.

Philips.

Hewde.

Thomas.

Mogan.

Lewes.

Goodfellow.

Busbey.

Terringham.

Withers.

Ordinance

Ordnance 8 Pieces, Women with long
Common Soldiers 1700, Gentlemen of Cb.
20. Serjeants 41. Drums 40. Corporals 63. r.
40. Horse 120. Coronets 2. Quarter-masters
Canoniers 4. Cartiages 10. Wherein was good store
of rich plunder.

A List of those that were slain.

Lieutenant Collonel *Faring*, Lieut Collonel *Boughton*,
Captain *Stamford*, and 3 Captains more, 200 on the right
Wing, and many more on the left.

This Relation is justified to be true by the bearer
hereof, *Richard Hunt*.

To all Post-masters whom it may concern.

These are to require you forthwith upon the sight
hereof to furnish the bearer hereof, *Richard Hunt*, with
two good sufficient Post-horses for the present service
of the Parliament. Hereof fail not. Given under my
hand this 31 of January 1643.

SAM. L V K E

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